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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submitted herewith are copies of three (3) references cited in the Examination Report issued in a corresponding Japanese Patent Application. For the Examiner's convenience, we have enclosed an English translation of the Japanese Examination Report and a completed Form PTO-1449. The statement is not a representation that all of the information cited is necessarily effective as prior art against the application.

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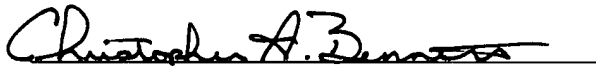
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Applicant respectfully requests that the disclosed references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,

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